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ON DIENE ELASTOMER AND A REINFORCING SILICON CARBIDE

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REPLY AND AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action [Final Rejection] dated July 15, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: